

# Lecture 24

Plan:

- 1) Ellipsoid for LP
- 2) If time, examples.

## Ellipsoid for LP

- Even for feasibility of  $P = \{x : Ax \leq b\}$ , are issues!
- Finding starting ellipse,

- Bounding Volume of  $P$ .
- To avoid numerical details, study important special case:

Assume  $P =$

,

e.g.

$P =$

- Can handle  $\dim P < n$  by

- Given  $c \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , want
- What's polynomial time here?
- Input-size:
  - ▷ Assume  $c \in \mathbb{Q}^n$

▷ Assume each entry satisfies

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- Thus we'll take polynomial time to mean

e.g.

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Implementing the binary  
Search.

- How long do we need to do binary search?

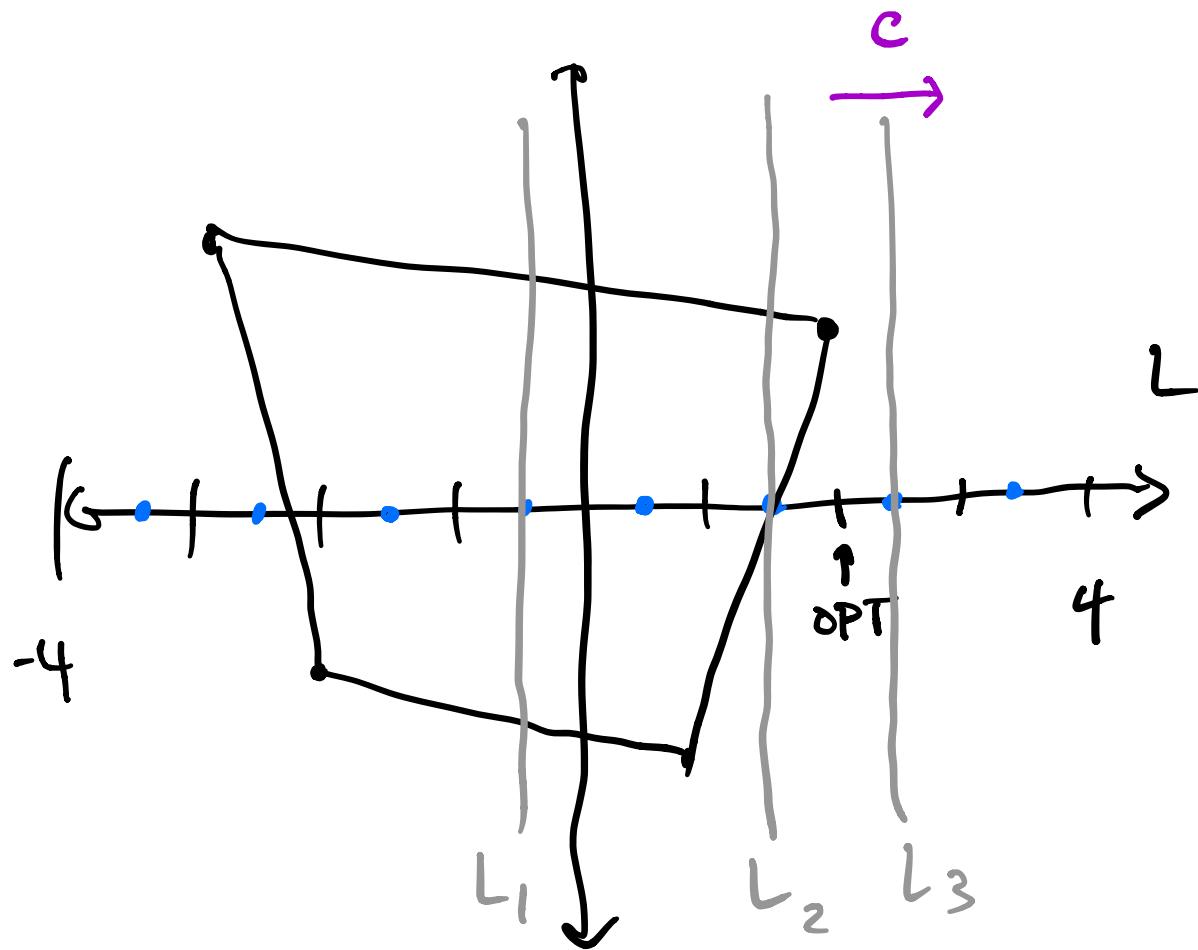
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Thus

e.g.

Suppose  $M_n = 4$ ,  $OPT = 2$



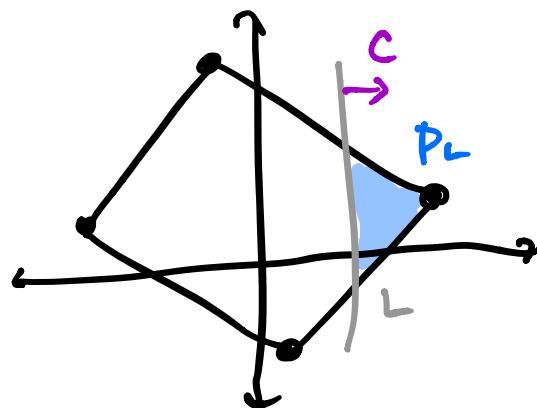
- How many steps?

$\leq$

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- At each step, need to test if  $L < \text{OPT}$ , i.e. if



- For this, use ellipsoid.

# Runtime of ellipsoid

## Calls

- Recall: to test feasibility with ellipsoid, must know



- To test:

- ▷ run ellipsoid for

Step 5. ( ).

▷ if

- Thus we just need

Bounding starting ellipsoid

- Simple:

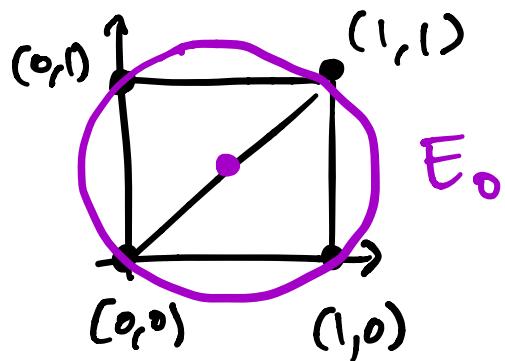
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- Can use  $E_0 =$

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E.g. for  $n=2$ ,



- Vol E<sub>0</sub> =

≤ = ,

$$\Rightarrow \leq$$

## Bounding Vol PL

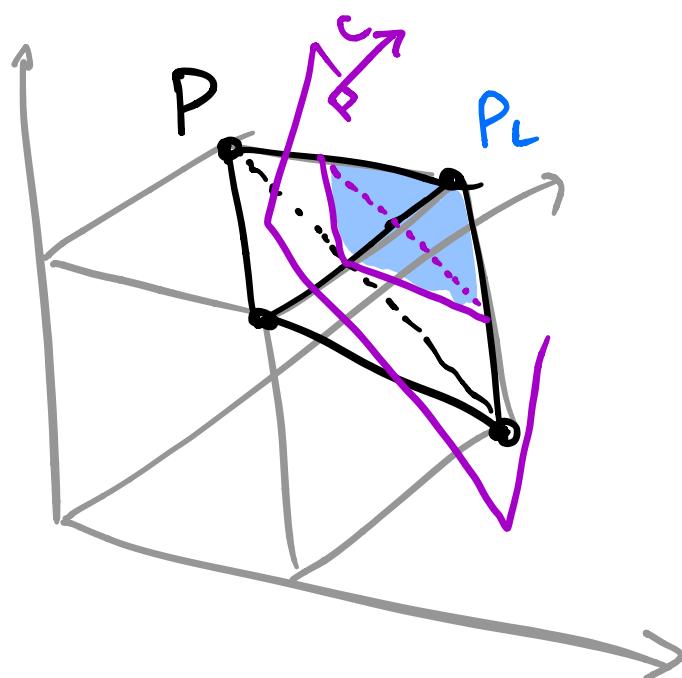
- Need to show

where

- Since  $P_L \neq \emptyset$ ,

e.g.  $n=3$

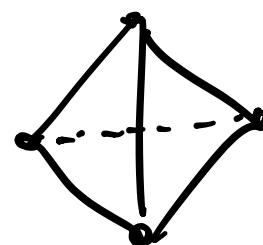
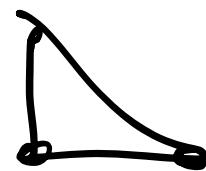
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- One way (there are many):

- Simplex in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is

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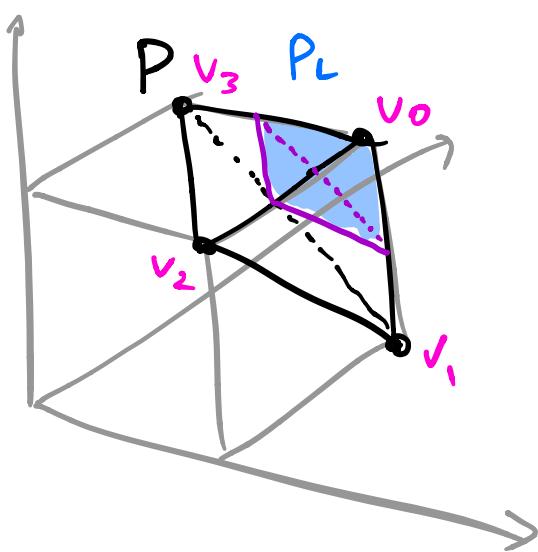


easy to compute volumes  
of simplices.

- We've assumed  $P$  full-dimensional

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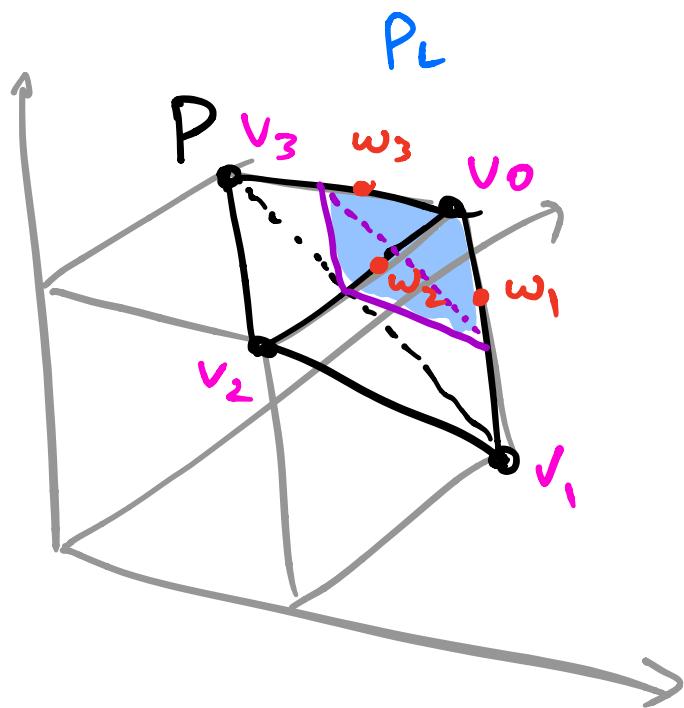
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- $v_1, \dots, v_n$  might not be in  $P_i$ , but

$$w_i = \{$$

e.g.  $n=3$



• Can take  $\alpha = \frac{1}{2Mn}$ ,

because then

$$c^T w_i =$$

$$=$$

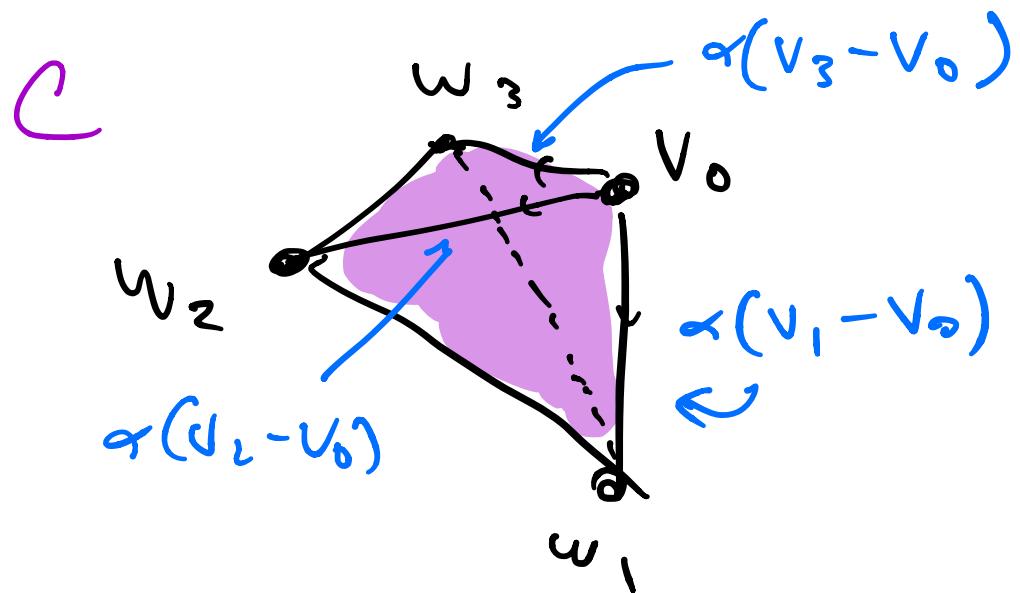
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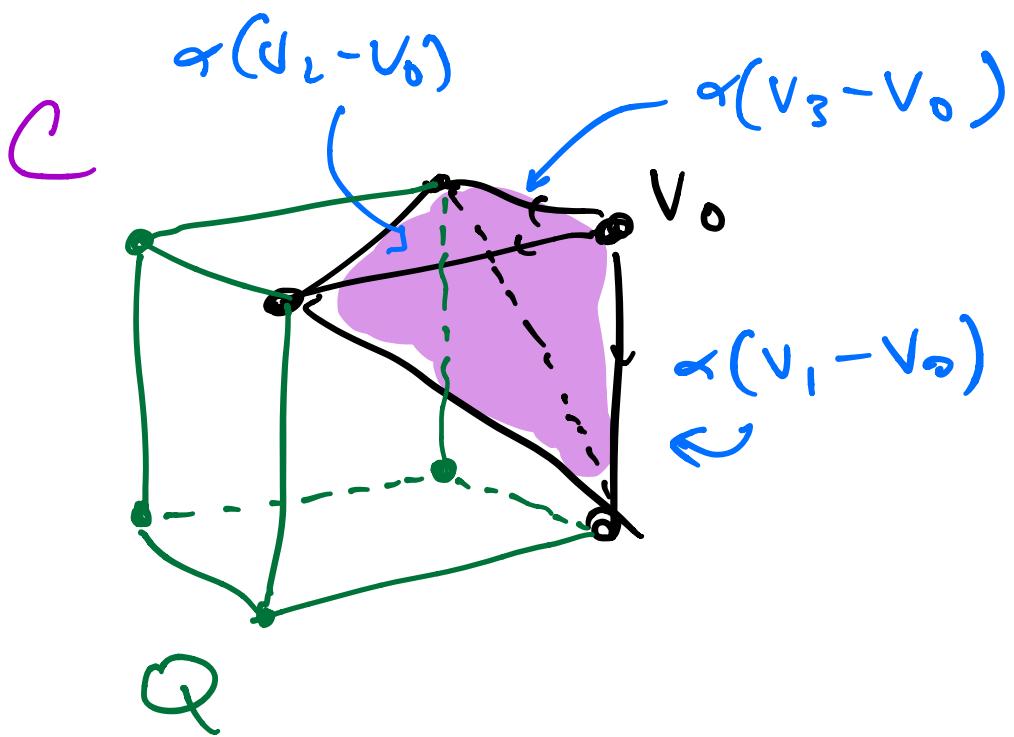
$$\Rightarrow w_i \in P_L.$$

• Now  $\text{Vol } P_L \geq \text{Vol } C,$

$C :=$



• Simplex  $C =$



- $\text{Vol } C =$

*Exercise;*

- $\text{Vol } Q =$

- $\text{Vol } Q' \geq 1,$

$$\text{Vol } Q' =$$

$\geq$

- So together:

$$\sqrt{d} P_L \geq =$$
$$\geq =$$

Thus we may take

$$\mathcal{D} =$$

Overall Runtime

- # steps of ellipsoid

$$\leq 2(n+1) \ln \frac{\text{Vol } E_0}{\delta}$$

$\leq$

$=$

$=$

- # steps of binary search

$$\leq \log_2(2nM)$$

$=$

- Overall:

$O( )$

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To summarize...

Theorem: Given a separation oracle for  
 $P = \text{conv}(S)$ ,  $S \subseteq \{0,1\}^n$ ,

C

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- Side Remark: is not  
strongly polynomial ;
- Éva Tardos '86: can  
Solve LP's  $\max \{c^T x : Ax \leq b\}$   
in time

- Thus if  $A \in \{-1, 0, 1\}^{m \times n}$ ,

Example: non bip. matchings

- Given  $G$ , cost  $c: E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,  
find
- Equivalently, optimize  $c^T x$   
over

$$P =$$

- Recall: Matching polytope given by

$$P = \left\{ x \in \mathbb{R}^E : \begin{array}{l} \forall v \in V \\ \forall s \subseteq V \\ |s| \text{ odd} \\ \forall e \in \bar{E} \end{array} \right\}$$

- $P$  is full-dimensional
- However, separation oracle nontrivial! [ ]
- Can implement using

## Matching polytope SEP oracle:

- Check degree constraints;
- Next check odd set constraints.

How?

▷ For  $x$  satisfying degree constraints,  
need to decide if



$\forall S \subseteq V, |S| \text{ odd},$

▷ Assume WLOG  $|V|$  even  
( ).

▷ For  $v \in V$ , define

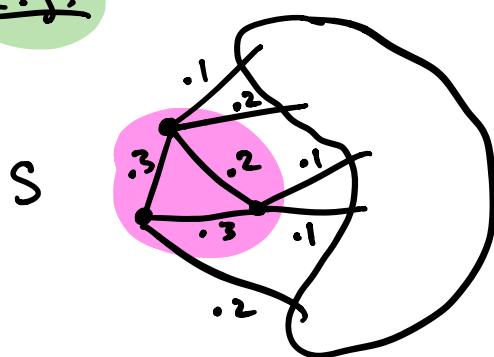
$$S_v =$$

▷ observe: Given  $S \subseteq V$ ,

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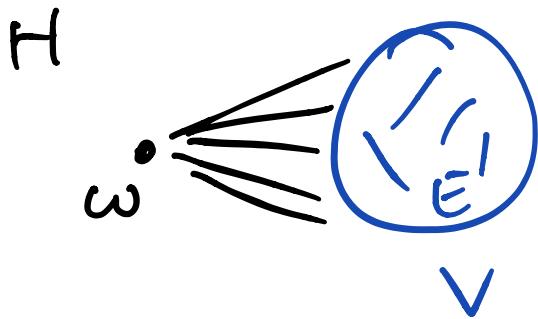


thus



- ▷ Define new graph  $H$  with
  - vertex set =
  - edge set =

picture:

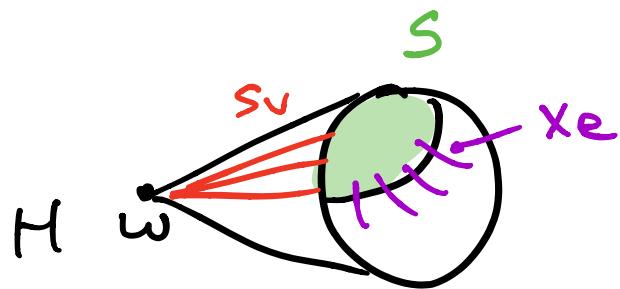


- ▷ Define edge weights

$$u_e = \{$$

- ▷ For a cut  $S$  in  $H$ , may assume  
.
- ▷ cut  $S \subseteq V$  in  $H$  has value

$$\sum_{\substack{e \in \delta(S) \\ H}} u_e =$$



- ▷ Thus



▷ we have seen how  
to compute min T-odd  
cut ;

▷ if

▷ if not,

